LOCAL BABE RUTH ALL STARS shown above will travel to South Boston tomorrow (Thursday) for the Babe Ruth All Star Tournament. The first game will start at 8 p.m., according to team manager, Bookie Johnson. Sitfown in photo are Tony Mann, Tony Chandler, Gary Ferguson, Lewis Preston, Ricky Turner, Tyrone Abbitt, Paul Johnson, Haven Fields, Jay Ch.enault, Scott Almond, Rusty Russell Watson, Tim Lawson; manager is Bookie Johnson, and coaches shown are Ben Hudson and L.M. Thomas. Not shown in the photo are Mike Ferguson, Neal Kelso, Mike Jackson, and Jay Wingfield. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Abbitt heads 'Sportsmen for Robb'

Fifty sportsmen committed to preserving free access to public hunting lands and fishing waters have formed a "Sportsmen for Robb" committee to support the candidacy of Chuck Robb for Governor of Virginia.

Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr. of Appomattox will serve as chairman of the group; Sam Woolwine of Richmond will serve as treasurer. Members of the steering committee come from all 10 Congressional Districts of Virginia.

Lt. Gov. Robb, the Democratic nominee for governor, met with the steering committee and outlined his platform on key issues affecting hunters and fishermen. He said "I am determined to crack down on criminals who use firearms or other deadly weapons in the commission of violent crimes, but I am just as strongly determined to protect the responsible individual's right to own firearms." Robb said he recognizes that most Virginians own firearms for sporting, recreational or self defense purposes and that these people should not be penalized for the government's inability to control crime.

Robb also addressed other issues of interest to sportsmen. He pledged to continue Virginia's "fine tradition of professional fish and wildlife management," and said that "Virginia's Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries is recognized as one of the best in the nation." He pledges support such programs as Operation Respect, which is designed to improve hunters' and fishermens' ethics. Robb said he would ensure that Virginia sportsmen would be fairly represented on state commission studying fish and wildlife matters. He said he would recommend Virginians to serve on national study commissions.

Speaking to the group, Robb also said, "I strongly endorse recently passed legislation which established a fund, financed through a voluntary state income tax checkoff, for the management and preservation of endangered non-game wildlife, and I pledge to see to it that this fund is used to implement a meaningful and effective conservation program."

Recognizing that the partnership between landowners and conscientious sportsmen is essential, Robb siad he would ensure that the new laws aimed at more effective controls on trespassing are publicized, observed, and fairly enforced.

EACH WEEK THE HOLIDAY LAKE 4-H Educational Center staff selects the most outstanding individual as "Camper of the Week." For the week of June 29 through July 3, twa 4-Hers received this honor. Pictured above are Caroline Williamson, Nottoway County (right) and Kevin Barksdale, Charlotte County. Each camper will receive a scholarship to attend 4-H Camp next summer. Caroline is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Williamson. She also received a certificate of recognition in Nature Study. Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Barksdale.

Swim Classes added

Because of rescheduling of classes there are now openings for a beginners' swimming class at the Travelers Inn swimming pool.

There is room for eight students July 20 through July 31, each weekday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Application forms are available at the motel office.

Physical exams set

Free physical examinations for students planning to play sports at Appomattox County High School or Appomattox Middle School will be held July 16 and July 22, according to Coach Howard Clabough.

Physical examinations for boys will be held July 16 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Clabough says. Those wishing to receive physical examinations are asked to meet at the High School office at 2 p.m.

Physical examinations for female athletes planning to play sports in Appomattox County public schools this year will be held Wednesday, July 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. according to Clabough.

Interested boys and girls should pick up a physical examination form from the high school office and have their parents fill it our prior to the examination dates.

The filled out forms should be brought to the high school the day of the examination. There will be no make-ups for these free examinations.

BABCOCK MANOR, a "Home Away from Home" for the elderly, was a busy place on Sunday, July 12 when residents, their families and invited guests enjoyed a covered dish picnic at the dinner hour. Babcock Manor, owned by H. Webster Babcock and managed by Pat Babcock Paulette has 20 residents. Residents and guests enjoyed music provided by a group of local musicians, George F. Abbitt, Jr., J.W. "Sam" Conner, Bill Williamson, Tom Childers, Betty Scruggs and Johnny Taylor.

Concord Little League meeting planned

Concord Little League Football sign-up Saturday, July 25 from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, August 1 from 1-4 p.m. at Concord Elementary School. For further information call Gary Compton 993-2782 from 8-5 weekdays.

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Meals are served 3 to 5 days per week in the following locations: Lynchburg, Bedford City, Moneta in Bedford County, Gladys/Altavista areas in Campbell County, Monroe in Amherst County, and Appomattox.

Meals must meet ⅓ RDA and temperature requirements. Food is to be prepared in bulk plans to be picked up by Central Virginia Commission on Aging at 11:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Interested bidders should contact Nutrition Services of the Central Virginia Commission on Aging at (804) 384-0372 for specifications and bid forms.

Sealed bids will be accepted till 3:00 p.m. July 31, 1981, and bidders may attend the opening of bids at 3:00 p.m. the same date at the Central Virginia Commission on Aging offices.

Central Virginia Commission on Aging reserves the right to reject all bids. Bid award will be based on meeting program requirements, quality of service, and bid price.

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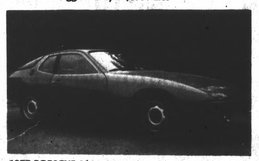

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Tomato problems?

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

We've had a number of calls concerning tomatoes - the two major problems are blight and blossom end rot.

Blight control is tough to fully control. Like BER there may be some relationship to varieties.

Chemical control of blight consist of weekly spray application or following each rain with a good fungicide such as: Maneb, Dyrene, Zineb, Captan, Bravo, or Kocide. Do not apply Maneb or Zineb later than five days before harvest. Continue treatment throughout the season.

BER can be reduced by being sure that the soil pH is correct. Take a soil sample to measure this. Make three weekly treatments using 4 teaspoons calcium chloride per gallon water.

I've talked with a number of gardeners who are spraying tomatoes with Sevin. There's no reason to do this unless there is a tomato hornworm or tomato fruitworm problem. The fruitworm generally is a late season problem.

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Tyler is a new wheat variety that will be available for 1981 planting. It is basically a disease resistant Blueboy. High yielding but possibly a little light in test weight. It was derived by crossing Blueboy 2 on Thorne five times. This was crossed with 199-4 a selection was made in the 5rd generation and crossed on Blueboy selection 682442. So more than 50% of this variety is Blueboy. You may recall that Blueboy came out of a high yielding Japanese variety called Norin 10 Brevor. This is what gives Tyler its yield kick.

The other new variety, Wheeler, has a much simpler parentage. It came from a fifth generation selection from Coker 6520 crossed on Arthur. Wheeler would not be as high yielder, but several days earlier and a higher test weight.

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Now is the time we frequently see plant food deficiencies in crops. Soil testing is, of course, one way of helping determine the problem, but plant tissue analysis is probably a better method. If you have problems please let us know and we can provide information on collecting tissue samples.

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Generally small grains are safe for long term storage with the moisture down to 12%. If you are holding small grain seed, the moisture should be reduced to 11% or less. Never raise the drying temperature higher than 110°F on seed.

The most damaging effects to seed germination other than insects, rodents, and mechanical injury is high temperature and high moisture.

You will want to periodically use aeration equipment to move air through the seed to cool and equalize the temperature inside the storage bin.

Now is the time to get germination tests run, don't wait until planting time.

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This next 60 to 80 days is the time beef producers need to utilize creep grazing. Provide the calves with high quality pasture or hayfields. It will add significant pounds to these calves.

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In last weeks column, I said that Paraquat could be applied to established stands of alfalfa more than one time per year. It should have read apply only once during the cutting season.

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Last year three forage sorghum varieties tested at the Orange Station gave yields in excess of 20 tons per acre.

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Tobacco is coming into flower. We cannot over emphasize the importance of minimizing the MH-30 lends. A four step sucker control program has been mailed all tobacco producers. We urge that you follow recommendations.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

Twleve 4-H'ers and two chaperones from Rock County, Wisconsin left Sunday for their return trip home after spending a week in Appomattox County. While visiting here, the Wisconsin folks stayed with families in Appomattox. Several special tours were conducted for the Interstate Exchange group including a visit to Monticello. During the summer of 1982 a group of teenage 4-H'ers from Appomattox will have the opportunity to visit in Wisconsin.

Appomattox 4-H'ers have been involved in previous Interstate Exchange programs with counties in Tennessee, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

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The East Central District 4-H All Star Weekend will be held at Camp Hat Creek (near Brookneal) during July 25-26. This special weekend provides an opportunity for all 4-H All Stars from the entire District to gather for fun fellowship and to handle pertinent business matters.

New (1981) 4-H All Stars from Appomattox include Blair Smith, Jane Guill, Susan Shorter, Laurie Cowan and Laura Walton.

Pam Moore, formerly an outstanding 4-H'ers from Appomattox, is now serving as the top officer in the District 4-H All Star Organization.

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4-H members with dogs may be interested in a special dog clinic that will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, July 18 at the Virginia Department of Agriculture's Regional Lab (on US 46; just east of Lynchburg).

Included in the clinic will be vaccination by Dr. Charlotte Robinson, DVM (at Nominal fee), nail clipping, dog nutrition and feeding, and special information on caring for dogs.

No pre-registration is required for the clinic, but all dogs must be on a leash. Complete details are available from the Extension Office.

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Many Appomattox 4-H'ers will be involved in summer sewing classes which begin this week. Classes will be held in Pamplin, Evergreen, Oakville and Appomattox. Give us a call if you would like to take part but have not signed up.

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Five County Fair time (September 14-19) is fast approaching. Our 4-H'ers who generally do well in exhibiting at the Fair are those that plan ahead. Now is the time to begin working with livestock if you have not already done so. Also, planting some late vegetables may assure you of having some fresh exhibits in September.

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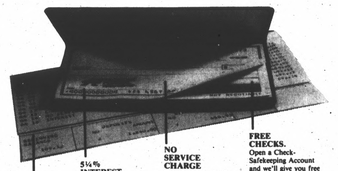

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Check now on fall crop storage

By TOM CONRAD

Now is a good time to check on fall crop storage. Now that most spring grains have been planted, the next step for farmers generally is to examine storage facilities to make sure they will have a place to store the new crops after fall harvest.

A bumper grain crop is usually viewed as a blessing, but farmers could suffer losses if this grain has to be sold on a glutted market. And unless commercial space is available, on-farm storage will be needed.

In January, there were about 14,956 off-farm grain storage facilities in operation, 220 less than a year ago. States with the largest number of facilities this year include Iowa, 1110; Illinois, 1056; Kansas, 1018; Texas, 953; and Minnesota, 869. The capacity of off-farm commercial grain storage in the Nation totaled 7.18 billion bushels. This is an increase of 1 percent from a year earlier. Kansas retained its number one rank in total storage capacity followed by Illinois, Texas, Iowa, and Nebraska. These top five States accounted for 52 percent of the off-farm grain storage capacity.

Farmers who need help to buy, build or remodel storage structures to supplement available commercial space can get Federal Assistance through the farm facility loan program. The program authorizes a maximum loan of 75 percent of the cost of structures and equipment not to exceed $50,000. A 25 percent down payment is required and the balance is due in annual installments over a five-year period. Security for the loan involves a lien on the structure and equipment.

The importance of ample storage space for grains cannot be overemphasized. Farmers can exercise greater independence in their marketing operations, get better prices, and generally strengthen markets. They can also take advantage of commodity loan programs and realize higher total income from their farm operations.

Storage structures include conventional bins, flat, multi-purpose units for storing dry grain, as well as silo-type facilities for storing high-moisture forage and silage. The drying equipment includes continuous-flow dryers, batch or in-storage drying systems as well as systems that dry by aerating or circulating the crop.

To be eligible for the program, a farmer must grow one or more crops of barley, corn, dry edible beans, flax-seed, grain sorghum, oats, peanuts, rice, rye, soybeans, sunflower seed, wheat and high moisture forage.

The program is considered a valuable marketing tool for farmers, as the ability to hold on to grain could prove the difference between profit and loss. In years of excess production, a farmer can store crops in good condition until prices strengthen and can also participate more easily in the grain reserve program.

Farm storage facilities help the Nation's economy and the stability of food and feed supplies by making more effective marketing of farm crops possible.

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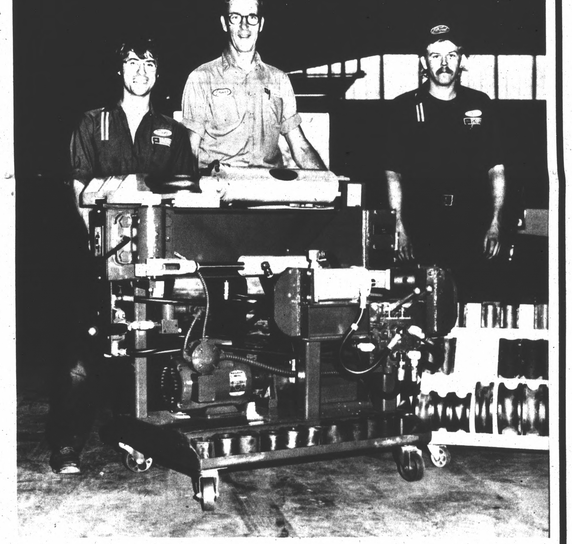

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